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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON YUGOSLAV FOREIGN SECRETARY

REF: BELGRADE 5375

1. IN CALL ON MINIC DECEMBER 6 OR 7 YOU MAY WISH TO REVIEW
CURRENT US EFFORTS TO PROMOTE JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT
IN MIDDLE EAST BY DRAWING ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. STATUS OF CEASEFIRE. WITH EGYPTIAN STATEMENT
THAT IT WAS DISCONTINUING MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE TALKS
AT KILOMETER 101, THERE WERE COUPLE OF DAYS OF
INTENSIFIED BUT STILL MINOR ARMED INCIDENTS BETWEEN
ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS, PROBABLY STEMMING MAINLY FROM
NERVOUSNESS ON BOTH SIDES THAT CEASEFIRE MIGHT BREAK
DOWN.

UN FORCE IS SLOWLY GETTING INTO PLACE BUT
CEASEFIRE WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL NURTURING.

B. PEACE CONFERENCE PLANS. IT LOOKS REASONABLY HOPE-
FUL PEACE CONFERENCE WILL CONVENE AT GENEVA ABOUT DEC 18.
WE CANNOT REPORT FORMAL APPROVAL OF PARTIES AS YET SINCE
NUMBER OF DETAILS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT. IN OUR VIEW
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MILREP TALKS HAVE BROKEN VALUABLE GROUND, WHICH SHOULD
FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS ISSUE AT PEACE CONFERENCE.

C. SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP. SECRETARY HAS

ANNOUNCED SECOND TRIP TO VARIOUS MIDDLE EAST CAPITALS BETWEEN HIS APPEARANCE AT NATO MINISTERIAL AND PROJECTED CONVENING OF PEACE CONFERENCE DEC. 18. HE WILL VISIT CAIRO, JIDDA, AMMAN, DAMASCUS, BEIRUT, AND TEL AVIV. MAIN PURPOSE IN ALL CAPITALS WILL BE TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR PEACE CONFERENCE AND EXCHANGE IDEAS AS TO HOW CONFERENCE CAN BEST FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PARTIES ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

2. AS FOREGOING INDICATES, US REMAINS COMMITTED TO MAJOR EFFORT TO HELP ACHIEVE JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST. MEANWHILE, US HOPES GOY WILL MAKE MAJOR EFFORT TO CONVINCE THOSE OF PARTIES WITH WHICH IT MAINTAINS CLOSE CONTACT TO ENGAGE IN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS.

3. IN EVENT MINIC SHOULD RAISE KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON POINTS MADE BY STOESSEL IN DECEMBER 3 MEETING WITH YUGOSLAV DCM PETKOVIC (STATE 237616). EXCERPTS OF DECEMBER 1 WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL ON CAMBODIA HAVE BEEN SENT VIA IPS CHANNELS.

4. SHOULD DISCUSSION TURN TO CSCE, YOU MAY DRAW ON CONTENTS OF GENEVA 6361, REPEATED TO BELGRADE DECEMBER

5. KISSINGER

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